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1. Appellant's Reply Brief of 9 October 2007 has been received & will be forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for consideration.

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